A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) to (*d*) A statement giving the information is appended.

Basic Seed Farm near Doddaballapur.

Q.—174. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Sericulture Department has acquired any land for starting Basic Seed Farm near about Doddaballapur Railway Station ;

(*b*) if so, the extent of land acquired and when it was acquired and at what cost ;

(*c*) the progress made in that farm so far ;

(*d*) whether any expert's opinion was taken before acquiring the land for starting the said farm ?

A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 11 acres and 39 guntas of land was acquired during 1949-50 at a cost of Rs. 2,657.94.

(*c*) The land was subsequently found not suitable and the farm was shifted to a Government land about two miles away-where it has already started functioning.

(*d*) The land was selected by the departmental officers.

Cocoon Seeds Required annually by the State.

Q.—178. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of disease-free layings (cocoon seeds) required by the States annually and the quantity that is actually produced (i) by the Department and (ii) by aided graineurs ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that mulberry crops have failed in Kolar and Channapatna area in the year 1963-64 and thereby the cocoon production is affected ;

(*c*) the steps taken up by the Department to protect the crops ?